

## Bullards Bar Invasive Plant Treatments Project

Description of Proposed Action: We are proposing to treat six species of non-native invasive plants (NNIP) within one (the western) of two quarry sites along Marysville Road in the vicinity of the New Bullards Bar Dam (Figure 1), T. 18 N., R. 7 E., section 26, SE1/4, Mount Diablo Meridian, Yuba County, California.

These six species are: rush skeletonweed (*Chondrilla juncea*), yellow star-thistle (*Centurea solstitialis*), Scotch broom (*Cytisus scoparius*), barbed goatgrass (*Aegilops triuncialis*), Italian thistle (*Carduus pycnocephalus*), and Medusa head (*Elymus caput-medusae*). This extensive infestation of NNIP occupies 24 acres within the Bullards Bar Invasive Plant Treatment project area.

We propose to eradicate or control these NNIS using a combination of chemical (herbicides) and manual treatments as described in Table 1. Application methods would include select, directed spray, or wicking. Manual treatments include digging, hand pulling, or tarping. No aerial application of herbicides is proposed in this project.

Figure 1. Map of Bullards Bar Invasive Plant Treatments Project Area.

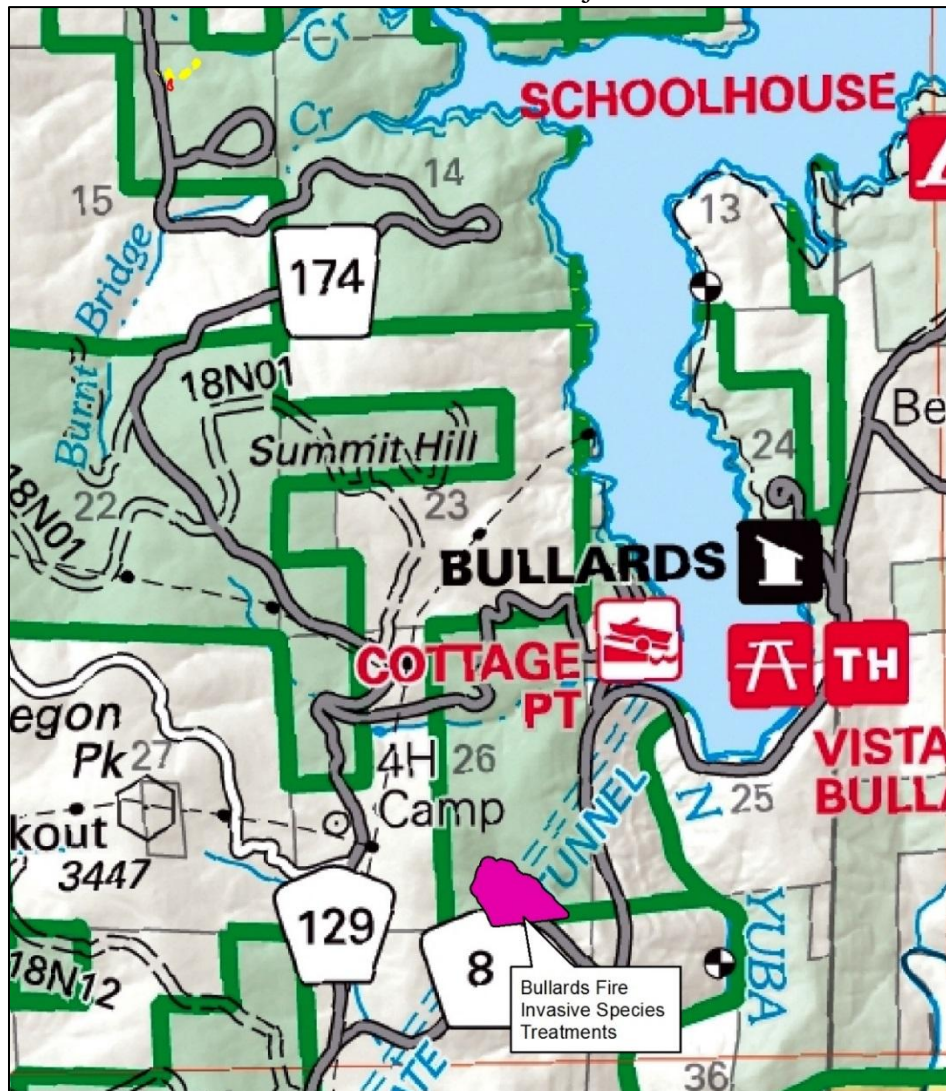


Table 1. Management goal, acres currently identified, and proposed initial and follow-up treatments for non-native invasive plants by species.

Species (common name)	Management Goal	Proposed Initial Treatment Options	Follow-up Treatment Options	Acres Currently Identified
broadleaf herbs and shrubs				
<i>Chondrilla juncea</i> (skeletonweed)	Eradicate (first priority)	Aminopyralid, Triclopyr, or Clopyralid, select or directed spray; Chlorsulfuron and Aminocyclopyrachlor directed spray	Aminopyralid, Triclopyr, or Clopyralid, select or directed spray; dig out widely scattered plants after the infestation is greatly reduced	16.5
<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i> (yellow star- thistle)	Eradicate	Aminopyralid, Triclopyr, or Clopyralid, select or directed spray	Pulling plants prior to flowering, for widely scattered plants after the infestation is reduced	16.8
<i>Carduus pycnocephalus</i> (Italian thistle)	Eradicate	Aminopyralid, Triclopyr, or Clopyralid, select or directed spray	Pulling plants prior to flowering, for widely scattered plants after the infestation is reduced	0.3
<i>Cytisus scoparius</i> (Scotch broom)	Eradicate	Pull shrubs that are small enough; cut larger plants, treat their stumps, fresh or re-sprouting, with Triclopyr	Treat masses of seedlings with Triclopyr or Glyphosate; otherwise continue pulling plants	1.9
grasses				
<i>Aegilops triuncialis</i> (barbed goatgrass)	Control	Fluazifop-P-butyl or Imazapyr, select or directed spray	Fluazifop-P-butyl or Imazapyr, select or directed spray	1.4
<i>Elymus caput- medusae</i> (Medusahead)	Control	Fluazifop-P-butyl or Imazapyr, select or directed spray	Fluazifop-P-butyl or Imazapyr, select or directed spray	0.5

The USDA Forest Service, Plumas National Forest, Feather River Ranger District is initiating public scoping on the proposed Bullards Bar Invasive Plant Treatments project. The proposed project is subject to the objection process pursuant to 36 CFR part 218; subparts A and B.

Individuals and entities as defined in 36 CFR 218.2 who have submitted timely, specific written comments regarding the proposed project during scoping, the 30-day comment period, or other public involvement opportunity where written comments are requested by the responsible official will be eligible to file an objection (36 CFR 218.5(a)).

The public is encouraged to provide written comments on the proposed project during this scoping phase of the environmental assessment process. Specific, solution-oriented comments that focus on the proposed actions or identify issues with the proposal would be most useful in the planning efforts. Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to object must meet the information requirements of 36 CFR 218 subparts A and B. It is the responsibility of persons wishing to gain eligibility to object to submit written comments by the close of the scoping period. Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, and electronic comments concerning this action will be accepted for 30 calendar days following the publication of notice in the Oroville Mercury Register.

We look forward to your comments and participation in this project. Your views are important to us. Comments or request can be by phone, email, or mail to Clay R. Davis, District Planner, 530 532-8940, email [clayrdavis@fs.fed.us](mailto:clayrdavis@fs.fed.us) or Lawrence Janeway, District Botanist, 530 532-7417, email [ljaneway@fs.fed.us](mailto:ljaneway@fs.fed.us), 875 Mitchell Ave., Oroville, CA 95965.